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## **Yonkers Humane Society Issues Updated Safety Alert for Care of Pets in Snowstorms and Freezing Weather**

Yonkers, NY—January 27, 2009—The Yonkers Humane Society, Inc., is issuing an updated safety alert due to the snowstorm and freezing temperatures predicted for this week. The warning is intended to help residents protect pets and companion animals that may be outside. Dr. Kristen Andersen, Yonkers Humane Society Advisory Board Member and emergency medicine veterinarian at Animal Specialty Center in Yonkers, offers the following cautions:

- The current freezing temperatures can be very dangerous to your pet. Try to minimize the time your pet spends outside in freezing temperatures. Puppies and small-breed dogs tend to be particularly sensitive to the cold weather. Always supervise puppies in the cold weather as they may not be used to it. Older animals, as well, may have a difficult time in the cold. To prevent slipping, falling and hypothermia, they should be let outside only as needed.
- Antifreeze can cause renal failure and possibly death in a very short period of time. If you think your pet has ingested antifreeze, get him to a veterinarian immediately for emergency care.
- It is recommended to keep your cats indoors as much as possible during these cold winter weeks. Cats tend to seek warmth under the hoods of cars when it's very cold outside. When the car is started, your cat can get injured or even killed by the engine.
- Remember when walking your dog to make sure he doesn't lick any salt, antifreeze or other potentially hazardous chemicals off the street. Be aware that he can lick these chemicals off his foot pads or fur. Try to wipe him off as much as you can when you come in from a walk.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's welfare, please contact your family veterinarian as soon as possible. Freezing temperatures can be more dangerous to your pet than you might think!

More information can be found at:

[www.yonkershumanesociety.petfinder.com](http://www.yonkershumanesociety.petfinder.com) and [www.animalspecialtycenter.com](http://www.animalspecialtycenter.com)

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